

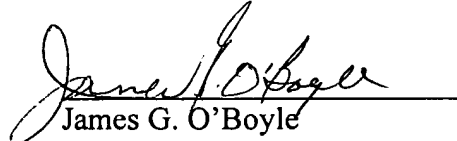
Remarks

Claim 3 now includes the words "through which the stem" which is marked as deleted.

It is submitted that all the formal objections have now been overcome and that claim 3, which was indicated as containing allowable subject matter in the Office action of September 20, 2004, is now allowable together with dependent claims 4 to 10.

Respectfully submitted,

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